

Boston Nov^r 25th 1774

Dear D^r

By some unfortunate Accident, I don't get my News-Papers for above a Month after every body else, for example my latest Papers are of the 9th of Sept^r & we have received Papers as late as the 15th of Oct^r. This Slowness must be owing to their sending them to some Coffee House to forward by Ships, who never sail for a Month so soon as they say they will. Whereas it will be a much more safe & speedy method to divide them into three or four Parcels, & send them out by the Pacquet which sails from Salmouth. If therefore they are directed to be here & sent the first Wednesday in every Month to the gen^l Post Office, they will come both quicker & safer. Our Winter is now come on here, but I cannot say as yet I find it colder than in England. We have had little or no Snow, but a great deal of Rain, & violent Gales of Wind. However we luckily got into

Winter Quarters about a week ago, before it came on.
Our Affairs here still continue in the same Posture;
The Provincial Congress I find met again yesterday, &
I am informed they mean to proceed to the choice of a
new Gov^r. They have already raised an Army, seized
the Publick Money, & have taken on themselves all
the Powers of Government. I really begin now to think
that it will come to Blows at last; for they are most
amazingly encouraged by our having done nothing as yet.
In short they have now got to such lengths that nothing
can secure the Colonies to the Mother Country, but the
Conquest of them. The People ^{here} are the most designing, artful
villains in the world. They have not the least Idea of
either Religion or Morality. Nor have they the least sense
of taking the most solemn Oath on any matter that can
assist their Purpose, tho' they know the direct contrary
can be clearly & evidently proved in half an Hour.
Of this we have had several Instances. May I beg you
will be so kind as to send me out here the following

Books. The new Edition of Mareschal's Memoirs of Russia—
History of the War in America by Burke— & Avis d'une
Mère à un fils par la Marquise de Lambert— I need
not make any excuses to you for giving you this trouble
as I know you are always ready to assist your Friends.
I still continue to enjoy my health perfectly. The constant
exercise which my Duty obliges me to take in visiting
all the Out-Ports every other morning about day break
together with the morning air, contributes not a little
to keep me in Health. I forget amongst the list of books to
desire you to send me des Memoires de M^{rs}. De
Sanguieres. You will be so good as to send them off as
soon as you get any off them as I read them chiefly
for my Winter's Amusement. Adieu Dear D.^m make my
Compl^{ts} agreeable to all your Family & believe me to
be

Your sincere Friend

P.S. I have sent you enclosed
a Ridicule upon the Ger^m Congress

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For
The Rev. D. M. Percy